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# Understanding Tone

The tone of a passage expresses the attitude of an author, narrator, or character. To determine the tone of a character, ask yourself: What is the mood? Is it sarcastic? Mean? Angry? Optimistic? Bitter? Identifying tone will help you gain a better understanding of a story and its characters.

**Directions:** Identify the tone for each quotation listed in the chart below. Refer to the play for context.

Character	Quotation	Tone
William (to Claire)	“Very impressive, Claire. Maybe you’ll rub off on Massie.” (Scene 2)	
Kristen (to Massie)	“Who’s the stowaway, and do we like her?” (Scene 4)	
Massie (to Chris)	“How could you not have told me that Layne is your sister? I love Layne.” (Scene 6)	
Massie (to Claire)	“You don’t get it. Look how quickly my friends were willing to ditch me for you. You’re like, a major threat.” (Scene 12)	

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